

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Five Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a provider for providing information to a recipient;

said provider charging a different amount to said recipient depending upon whether or not said information is permitted to be recorded in a medium; and

recording of said information in said medium is permitted or prevented depending upon a value of an identifier read from said medium.

15. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 14, further comprising transmission means for transmitting said information to the recipient.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Five Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

providing information to a recipient;

charging a different amount depending upon whether or not said information is permitted to be recorded in a medium; and

permitting or preventing recording of said information in said medium depending upon a value of an identifier read from said medium.

18. (Five Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving information from a provider;

charging a different amount depending upon whether or not recording of said information in a medium is permitted; and

recording of said information in said medium is permitted or prevented depending upon a value of an identifier read from said medium.

19. (Five Time Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a recipient for receiving information from a provider;

said recipient being charged a different amount depending upon whether or not recording of said information in a medium is permitted; and

recording of said information in said medium is permitted or prevented depending upon a value of an identifier read from said medium.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Five Times Amended) A signal transmitted from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating whether said information is permitted to be recorded in a medium or prevented from being recorded depending upon a value of an identifier read from said medium, wherein said information is charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

22. (Five Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the step of:

transmitting a signal from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating whether said information is permitted to be recorded in a medium depending upon a value of an identifier in said medium, wherein said information is charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

23-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Amended) An information receiver comprising:

a receiving unit to receive information; and

a recording unit to record the information in a medium,

the recording of the information in the medium is permitted or prevented depending upon a value of an identifier in the medium, and

a different amount being charged based on whether or not the information is recorded in the medium.

38. (Amended) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

a terminal device to output the information.

39. (Amended) The information receiver according to claim 37, the terminal device is a display unit.

40. (Amended) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

an information designating unit to designate the information.

41. (Amended) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

an identifier; and

an informing unit to inform that the identifier is wrong if the identifier is not registered.

42. (Amended) The information receiver according to claim 37, the information includes at least one of audio and video information, audio information, video information, a computer program.

43. (Newly Added) A computer information system according to claim 14, wherein, if said value is a first value then recording is permitted.